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February 26, 1996

Gilbert Jennings
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Pumice Pit (ML 18847,
S/001/029, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jennings:

Thank you for responding to our phone conversation of a few days ago and submitting your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on February 22, 1996. The application for the proposed Pumice Pit (state lease ML 18847) Project, located in the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of Section 2, T28S, R9W, SLBM, Beaver County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. As there has been mining in the area for many years, hopefully topsoil was stockpiled since you did not request a variance to this reclamation requirement. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to mining helps ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Your notice stated that you would be disturbing the existing area, also plus or minus two acres. Please be advised that any pre-existing disturbance that you re-disturb will be considered as part of your total disturbance. You also state that sometime in the future you may want to bring in a portable plant and do screening onsite rather than truck it to another area for processing. Please keep in mind that if you anticipate your operation expanding beyond the five (5) acre limitation of a small mine, you will be required to submit a Large Mining Notice of Intention (LMO) and post a surety bond before exceeding the five acres. The approval of a LMO could take up to six months or longer; therefore, it would be advisable to notify this office as soon as you anticipate expansion to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



Tom Munson
Reclamation Hydrologist

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Enclosure

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